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# WE ARE... MARSHALL®

The Newsletter for Marshall University

April 28, 2021

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## Spring commencement planned for Joan C. Edwards Stadium

APRIL 28, 2021

Marshall will welcome graduates and their families to Joan C. Edwards Stadium for the first commencement to be held in that facility.

The outdoor commencement will take place Saturday, May 1, at 9 a.m., rain or shine, at the stadium usually home to Marshall football. In the case of a lightning delay, festivities will be rescheduled for Sunday, May 2, also at 9:00 a.m. at the stadium.

Spring 2020, summer 2020, and fall 2020 graduates will also be honored in the first in-person commencement since fall 2019.

Dr. Sonja Cantrell-Johnson, university registrar, says the university is eager to host commencement in Joan C. Edwards Stadium.

“Conducting commencement at the stadium allows us to be as safe as possible while giving our students the opportunity for an in-person graduation ceremony,” Cantrell-Johnson said. “We’re excited about this new venue and the commencement program we have in place.”



The keynote speaker for the 2021 spring commencement program is Lt. Gen. Anthony Crutchfield (left). The native of Little Rock, Arkansas, is a 1982 graduate of Marshall. Crutchfield graduated from the School of Journalism and Mass Communications and as a Distinguished Military Graduate.

Crutchfield retired as a lieutenant general from the Army in 2017 after 34 distinguished years. He led units at nearly every level of the army, including the 10th Mountain Division's Aviation Brigade and Commanding General of the Army's Aviation Branch at Fort Rucker, Alabama. His last assignment before retiring was as Deputy Commander of the U.S. Pacific Command, the largest combatant command in the U.S. unified command structure.

Crutchfield is currently the vice president of army systems at Boeing. In 2011 he served as the grand marshal of Marshall University's homecoming parade and is currently on the board of the Society of Yeager Scholars.

CDC guidelines will be enforced, with all participants asked to wear masks in the stadium at all times. No exit and re-entry will be allowed per regulations. Graduates were allotted 4 tickets apiece. The tickets are needed for valid entry and will assign visitors to particular seats for social distancing.

Gates will open at 7 a.m. Those attending are asked to allow for additional time for required security procedures in place at Joan C. Edwards Stadium, including searching bags. Participants in the commencement exercise are asked to wear tennis shoes or flats and no high heeled shoes to protect the football turf.

Handicapped parking and a drop-off zone are available just behind the main football stadium scoreboard along M Club Drive, as well as additional handicapped parking in the stadium lot. For those not able to attend in person, the ceremony will be streamed live at [livestream.com/marshallu](https://livestream.com/marshallu). For a list of prohibited items or for more information visit [www.marshall.edu/commencement](https://www.marshall.edu/commencement).

In separate ceremonies, Marshall's School of Pharmacy and Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine will also award degrees.

The School of Pharmacy is awarding 59 Doctor of Pharmacy degrees in its sixth annual Graduation and Investiture Ceremony, at 4 p.m. Thursday, April 29. Thomas Menighan, B.S. Pharm., M.B.A., Sci.D. (hon.), CEO emeritus of the American Pharmacists Association, is delivering the keynote address. Due to a forecast of adverse weather conditions, the pharmacy ceremony will be moved to a location that will be determined this week.

At 4 p.m. Friday, April 30, at Mountain Health Arena, the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine will award 74 Doctor of Medicine degrees, four Doctor of Philosophy degrees in biomedical research and the school's first combined Doctor of Medicine-Doctor of Philosophy degree in its 41st Annual Graduation

and Investiture Ceremony. C. Douglas Phillips, M.D., a graduate of the class of 1984 and neuroradiologist at Weill Cornell Medicine, will give the keynote address. The School of Medicine Alumni Association will also recognize its 2021 Honorary Alumnus.

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## Reed named next Drinko Fellow

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Sandra Reed, a professor of art and former director of the school of art and design at Marshall University, has been named the 26th Distinguished John Deaver Drinko Academy Fellow.

The announcement of her appointment was made by executive director Montserrat Miller, Ph.D., during a virtual event at the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center Friday, April 23.

“Professor Reed was described by her nominators as an artist, a scholar and a teacher who continually looks for opportunities to learn and perfect her art,” Miller said. “Her education credentials are impeccable, and Marshall is

a better institution because of her commitment to our students and the university community at large. We are looking forward to great things during her term.”

Reed joined the Marshall faculty in 2014. Her tenure has included four years as the director of the school of art and design; coordination of the juried poster competition that is sponsored by The Dr. Carter G. Woodson Lyceum and is a central feature of the university’s annual Black History Month Celebration; and teaching seminars for honors students, among other highlights. She has worked with students to provide experiential learning opportunities including guiding a group of eleven independent study students in a ten-month project that provided extensive professional practice experiences in the form of a self-published zine; a show in Atlanta, Georgia; and *Maximum Capacity* at Marshall’s Carroll Gallery (2020). She also teaches foundations drawing and design and capstone courses.

Reed says she is honored to have been selected as a fellow.

“This appointment is a precious opportunity to highlight the integral role of higher education to culture, civilization and to our humanity,” Reed said.

A native of Iowa, Reed graduated from Drake University as a National Alumni Scholar and then studied at the George Washington University as the first Morris Louis Fellow in Painting, where she investigated the academic traditions of figure painting. Reed taught at numerous institutions throughout the Washington, D.C., area prior to moving to Savannah, Georgia, to teach at the Savannah College of Art and Design.

Reed's paintings are held in private and public collections including at LaGrange Museum of Art, LaGrange, Georgia; Telfair Academy of the Arts, Savannah, Georgia; and the United States Navy Memorial, Washington, D.C. She is active in the Huntington community, where she serves on the Huntington Area Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Mayor's Arts Council. She is on the executive committee of SECAC, formerly the Southeastern College Art Conference, a national organization that supports higher education in the visual arts and art history.

Reed was also recently honored as a recipient of an Individual Arts Professional Development Grant from the West Virginia Commission on the Arts.

Distinguished Drinko Fellows receive a stipend, re-assigned time from teaching, and other financial and clerical support for two academic years to undertake research, special projects or other scholarly pursuits.

A complete list of Drinko Fellows is available [here](#).

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## Award winners, retirees recognized in virtual faculty meeting

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Awards of distinction were presented and retiring faculty recognized during Marshall University's spring general faculty meeting, held virtually April 26.

The stream of the meeting is still available at [livestream.com/marshallu](https://livestream.com/marshallu) and included remarks from Marshall President Dr. Jerome Gilbert and Faculty Senate Chair Dr. Kristen Lillvis.

During the meeting, Marshall's Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL) announced the Hedrick Award, among other faculty awards honoring several additional faculty members.

Dr. Kristen Lillvis, professor of English in the College of Liberal Arts at Marshall University, was awarded the university's Dr. Charles E. Hedrick Outstanding Faculty Award for 2020-2021. Lillvis will receive \$5,000 through a grant from Charles B. and Mary Jo Locke Hedrick. The award is named in honor of Charles B. Hedrick's father, Charles E. Hedrick, a former history professor and later chairman of the graduate council, and one of the founders of Marshall's graduate program.

Dr. Dan Holbrook, professor of history in the College of Liberal Arts, received the Marshall and Shirley Reynolds Outstanding Teacher Award. This award includes a \$3,000 stipend, and all tenured or tenure-track faculty members who have completed six or more years of service at Marshall are eligible.

The Pickens-Queen Teacher Award was awarded to Hanna Kozlowski, assistant professor of art, College of Arts and Media; Dr. Georgiana Logan, assistant professor of health sciences, College of Health Professions; and Dr. Roozbeh Ross Salary, assistant professor of mechanical engineering, College of Engineering and Computer Sciences. Each of these three award winners receives a \$1,000 stipend. The award honors outstanding junior faculty. All faculty members teaching on a full-time, tenured or tenure track appointment who have completed one to five years of service at Marshall are eligible.

The Council of Chairs Award for Excellence in Teaching was awarded to Shannon Miller-Mace, instructor of mathematics, College of Science. This award recognizes teaching excellence in Marshall's full-time term and temporary faculty. Each fall, members of the Council of Chairs (excepting the School of Medicine) are permitted to nominate up to two candidates from a given department. A \$1,000 cash award is presented each year. Full-time term or full-time temporary faculty with at least two years' full-time teaching at Marshall University are eligible.

Three people and an additional team of two received the Distinguished Artists and Scholars Award. To be eligible for the Distinguished Artists and Scholars Awards, faculty members must either be tenured or hold tenure-track appointments. The purpose of the award is to recognize distinction in the fields of artistic and scholarly activity on the part of the Marshall faculty. The senior recipients of the Distinguished Artists and Scholars Awards receive \$2,000 apiece, the junior recipient receives \$1,000 and the team receives \$2,000, to be divided equally among them. The Distinguished Artists and Scholars Awards were given to:

Senior Recipients:

- Dr. David Trowbridge, associate professor of history, College of Liberal Arts; and
- Dr. Komal Sodhi, assistant professor of surgery and biomedical sciences, School of Medicine.

Junior Recipient:

- Dr. Husnu Narman, assistant professor of computer science, College of Engineering and Computer Sciences.

Team Recipient:

- Dr. Robert Ellison, associate professor of English, College of Liberal Arts; and
- Larry Sheret, professor and librarian, University Libraries.

The Center for Teaching and Learning annually funds an award of up to \$5,000 for a project that will develop, implement, and assess a teaching innovation. Successful projects must meet two primary goals. First, this is a program-level grant. As such, the grant can only be awarded to a department/program or to a cross-disciplinary collaboration. The award winners are as follows:

- Dr. Jill Underhill, associate professor of communication studies, College of Liberal Arts;
- Hanna Kozlowski, assistant professor of art, College of Arts and Media; and
- Dr. Megan Marshall, assistant professor of English, College of Liberal Arts.

The Hedrick Faculty Teaching Fellow Award for 2020-2021 was awarded to Dr. Allyson Goodman, associate professor of journalism, College of Arts and Media. Made possible by a gift from Charles B. and Mary Jo Locke Hedrick, the \$5,000 fellowship will give a full-time faculty member the opportunity to pursue a Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) project, collaborate with the CTL staff in shaping the strategic plan for campus-wide professional development for faculty, and develop a niche area of expertise in professional development, thus adding to the programming regularly offered by the center.

Three people received the Distinguished Service Awards. To qualify for Distinguished Service Awards, persons must have at least 20 years of service at Marshall University, a record of distinguished service to the university and/or college, and a record of distinguished teaching as evidenced by peer, administrative and/or student evaluations. The Distinguished Service Award winners, each of whom will receive \$1,000, are:

- Dr. Mike Castellani, department chair and professor of chemistry, College of Science;
- Dr. Dan Holbrook, professor of history, College of Liberal Arts; and
- Dr. Marjorie McNerney, professor of management, Lewis College of Business.

Twelve retiring faculty, representing 321 years of service, will be recognized. They are:

- Dr. Neal Arneson, professor of curriculum, instruction and foundations, College of Education and Professional Development, 35 years of service;
- Dr. Robert Behrman, professor of political science, College of Liberal Arts, 33 years of service;
- Dr. Maria Burgueño, professor of modern languages, College of Liberal Arts, 25 years of service;
- Dr. David Cusick, professor of mathematics, College of Science, 49 years of service;
- Janet Dooley, professor of journalism, College of Arts and Media, 42 years of service;
- Kelly Harlow, assistant professor of communication disorders, College of Health Professions, 19 years of service;
- Dr. Dan Holbrook, professor of history, College of Liberal Arts, 18 years of service;
- Mary Marcuzzi, M.D., assistant professor of family medicine, School of Medicine, 16 years of service;

- Dr. Ruth Ann Murphy, professor of curriculum, instruction and foundations, College of Education and Professional Development, 21 years of service;
- Isabel Pino, M.D., assistant professor of pediatrics, School of Medicine, 29 years of service;
- Randall Peterson, M.D., assistant professor of family medicine, School of Medicine, 3 years of service; and
- Dr. Robin Walton, professor of nursing, College of Health Professions, 31 years of service.

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# Retirement RECEPTION

**DAN HOLBROOK** | *College of Liberal Arts*

**Wednesday April 28th | 4:00 to 5:00 PM**  
**Plaza outside the Memorial Student Center**

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## Vaccination clinic for students and employees to take place tomorrow

APRIL 28, 2021

Marshall will conduct a COVID-19 vaccination clinic from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, April 29, in the Don Morris Room of the Memorial Student Center. The Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine will be used, which requires a second dose 21 days after the first vaccination. The booster will be available at on-campus clinics. The clinic is FREE and no appointment is necessary.

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## Small Communities, BIG Solutions team to host conversation on workforce development in southern West Virginia

APRIL 21, 2021

**Small Communities, BIG Solutions**  
**Workforce Development Meeting**  
*Southern West Virginia*

Workforce WV Commissioner Scott Adkins  
Jobs & Hope WV Lead Transition Agent Deb Harris  
Appalachian Power Manager for Economic and Business Development Heather Vanatter  
New River CTC Dean of Workforce, Technical, and Community Education Brian Sampson  
WV Community Development Hub Executive Director Stephanie Tyree  
Alliance for the Economic Development of Southern WV Operations Chair Sara Payne Scarbro  
Marshall University Assistant Professor & Director of Assessment College of Education and Professional Development Dr. Tim Helms  
Future of Nursing WV Action Coalition Executive Director Alta Accad  
Marshall University Interim Director of the AMP Program & Director of RCBI AERO Jim Smith

**Presentations, Research and an Interactive Working Group Strategy Session**  
**Thursday, April 29**  
**9 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.**

Session Moderator:  
Coalfield Development  
Founder & CEO  
Brandon Derrison

*Open to All, Must RSVP on Eventbrite*

The Alliance for the Economic Development of Southern West Virginia, along with Coalfield Development and the West Virginia Community Development Hub are set to host the Small Communities, BIG Solutions workforce development quarterly meeting Thursday, April 29, from 9 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

The virtual event focusing on workforce development in southern West Virginia will feature speakers and presentations as well as brainstorming and a live survey session. The working group conversation will focus on jobs, education, training and workforce development by coming up with #WVSolutions to the challenges faced throughout southern West Virginia.

“Industry, education, state government and community leaders make up the Small Communities, BIG Solutions banner and we are all bonded by our love for West

Virginia and our passion to work together to strengthen our state,” said Sara Payne Scarbro, associate vice president for external engagement at the Marshall University Research Corporation and lead coordinator for this event. “A strong workforce pipeline is vital to our state’s growth and development and we are truly excited about participating in this working group as well as in future sessions.”

The schedule for the virtual event is as follows:

*9 a.m.* — Welcome Remarks

- Brandon Dennison, Founder and CEO, Coalfield Development

*9:10 a.m.* — The State of West Virginia’s Workforce

- Scott Adkins, Acting Commissioner, WorkForce West Virginia

*9:25 a.m.* – Snapshot 2021: Southern WV Small Business Leaders Survey Highlights

- Sara Payne Scarbro, AVP of External Engagement, MURC & Operations Council Chair, the Alliance for the Economic Development of Southern WV
- Dr. Tim Melvin, Director of Assessment, College of Education and Professional Development, Marshall University

*9:40 a.m.* – Southern WV Workforce Assessment Highlights

- Heather Vanater, Economic and Business Development Manager, Appalachian Power

*10:05 a.m.* – Flash Chats, Speed Updates on Aerospace, Health Professions and Community Aerospace/Aviation

- Brian Sampson, Dean of Workforce, Technical and Community Education, New River Community and Technical College
- James B. Smith, Director, RCBI Aero and Aviation Technology and Maintenance, Marshall University

Health and Health Professions

- Aila Accad, Executive Director, Future of Nursing West Virginia Action Coalition
- Deb Harris, Lead Transition Agent, Jobs and Hope West Virginia

Community

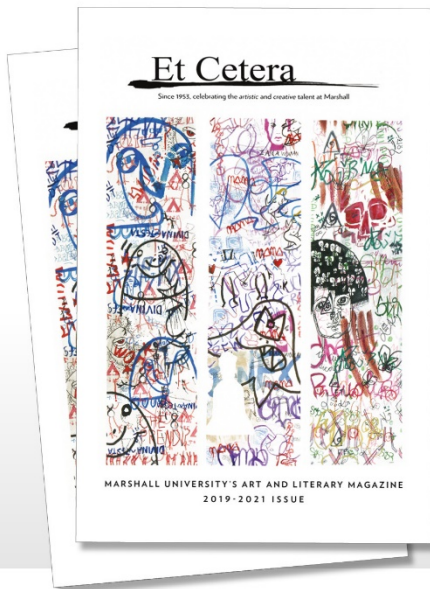
- Stephanie Tyree, Executive Director, West Virginia Community Development Hub

*10:30 a.m.* Working Session – Live Polling

- Moderators: Brandon Dennison, Sara Payne Scarbro, Brittany Bruce

The working session is open to all, but space is limited. Register by visiting [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/small-communities-big-solutions-workforce-development-meeting-tickets-145121493293?aff=ebdssbeac) and searching Small Communities, BIG Solutions. Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/small-communities-big-solutions-workforce-development-meeting-tickets-145121493293?aff=ebdssbeac>

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# VIRTUAL READING

## & EMERGING WRITERS' SHOWCASE

**ET CETERA — A DOUBLE ISSUE (2019-2021)**

*Join the staff of Marshall's student literary magazine, ET CETERA, in celebrating the launch of the magazine's double issue. Contributors and graduating creative writers will read short selections of their original work.*



**APRIL 29 - 7 PM**

Scan QR code to register.

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# In-person Empty Bowls pottery sale planned for April 30

APRIL 28, 2021



Marshall University's School of Art and Design and the Pottery Place will host an in-person bowl sale event as part of the 18th annual Empty Bowls fundraising pottery sale. Empty Bowls Live is planned for noon to 6 p.m. Friday, April 30, at the Pullman Square gazebo.

Bowls continue to be for sale online as well at <https://www.thepotteryplace.biz>. Proceeds go to the Facing Hunger Food Bank. The cost is \$20 per bowl, with each bowl sold providing 180 meals for those in need.

Hundreds of bowls, created by Marshall art students, are still available from the online sale, which has continued throughout the month of April. They will be displayed at the gazebo April 30 for shoppers to purchase.

At the in-person sale, masks will be required, and hand sanitizer will be provided and must be used before handling the bowls. Also, Virex will be sprayed regularly to disinfect the area, and six-foot distance marks will be indicated throughout the space for social distancing.

The traditional one-day, soup lunch event that is the usual format for this longstanding Marshall tradition was canceled last year due to the pandemic, but the pottery sale itself was rescued by the Pottery Place, whose owner, Marshall graduate Jessica Stone, offered to sell the bowls on her company website. Stone said the fundraiser has held a special place in her heart since she was a ceramics student working on Empty Bowls back in the early 2000s.

The online sale was repeated this year, but considering the number of bowls that remain and the outdoor space being available, an in-person sale is planned to boost sales for this important food bank fundraiser.

"I'm incredibly proud of the hard work the students have put into this year's nontraditional event," said Allora McCullough, Empty Bowls coordinator and an assistant professor of ceramics at Marshall. "They were very excited about the opportunity to coordinate an outdoor bowl sale. Each of the student artists will be present throughout the day, so people will have a chance to meet and speak with them. "We've all spent time volunteering with the Facing Hunger Foodbank and representatives from the foodbank will be present as well. I'm grateful for the ability to safely connect with the community again. I look forward to the grand finale of this year's event and hope to see a great turnout."

More event information can be found at: <https://fb.me/e/1gK8wOjG0>, or contact McCullough at [mccullougha@marshall.edu](mailto:mccullougha@marshall.edu).

## College of Health Professions to honor physical therapy, nursing graduates April 30

APRIL 28, 2021

The Marshall University School of Physical Therapy will hold its 8th and 9th annual White Coat Ceremony and a new Hooding/Awards Ceremony at the New Baptist Church Friday, April 30. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the white coat ceremony last year was postponed for the Class of 2022. The White Coat Ceremony is a rite of passage that marks a student's transition into the second year of the program, where they will start full-time clinical experiences, according to Chair/Program Director Dr. Scott Davis. This will be the first time that the School of Physical Therapy has hosted the Hooding/Awards Ceremony. The program will be graduating its 7th cohort (Class of 2021).

The White Coat Ceremony will begin at 2:30 p.m. April 30 at the New Baptist Church, located at 610 28th Street in Huntington. The Hooding Ceremony will begin at 6 p.m. and culminate in an awards ceremony for graduates.

Thirty-seven students from the Class of 2022 and 35 students from the Class of 2023 will receive their white coats, and 38 graduates from the Class of 2021 will participate in the Hooding/Award Ceremony. The School of Nursing will hold two separate nursing recognition ceremonies Friday, April 30. To accommodate social distancing and university guidelines, the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) graduates will be honored in the Don Morris Room at the Memorial Student Center at 6 p.m. and the M.S.N. graduates will be honored at the City Hall Auditorium at 7 p.m.

The recognition ceremony is the culmination of nursing students' education, said Dr. Denise Landry, chair of the Marshall School of Nursing.

"Thankfully we are able to take this opportunity to recognize the achievements of our graduates," Landry said. "Last year, because of COVID-19, we were unable to hold our annual recognition ceremony. We are grateful that this year we are able to recognize our 2020 and 2021 graduates, all of whom have worked very hard during a pandemic to obtain their degrees.

Graduates will be honored from the spring 2020 class, fall 2020 class and spring 2021 class.

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# Marshall's Society for Human Resource Management honors alumni as Hall of Distinction inductees, Outstanding Young HR Professionals

APRIL 28, 2021



Marshall's Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) chapter has announced that it is welcoming three human resource leaders into its Hall of Distinction for the 2020-21 academic year. The inductees include Patricia Bostic, Agus Supriyono and Tom Wright.



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Inductee Patricia Bostic serves as the human resources director for the Huntington Water Quality Board in Cabell County, West Virginia, and has nearly 20 years of experience in the HR profession. She earned a master's degree from Marshall in communication studies and a bachelor's degree in

business administration. Bostic is certified as a Professional in Human Resources® (PHR®) through HRCI and as a Labor Relations Leader through Michigan State University. Actively involved in the Huntington community, she has served on several boards, including the Mountwest Community & Technical College Foundation, CONTACT Huntington and Tri-State SHRM.

Inductee Agus Supriyono is the assistant vice president of the Human Capital Development Division for the Bank Rakyat Indonesia (BRI) in Jakarta, Indonesia. After graduating from Marshall University in 2016 with a master's degree in human resource management, Supriyono returned to Indonesia, immediately accepting a position with BRI and quickly advancing to his current executive role. At BRI, he has served in a variety of leadership roles such as overseeing the departments of outsourcing management and digital knowledge management. In his current position, Supriyono leads the division by helping employees develop their skills and knowledge, which in turn improves BRI's effectiveness.

Throughout his 30-year career, inductee Tom Wright has held executive and consulting positions at EPR Properties, Hallmark Cards, and Thorn Americas. He currently serves as the executive vice president and chief human resources officer at Children's Mercy Hospital located in Kansas City, Missouri. He will also serve as executive director of the Leadership Center within the Children's Mercy Berry Institute.

Wright holds a master's degree in administration from Central Michigan University and earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Marshall University. He is an alumnus of the Kansas City Chamber of Commerce's Kansas City Tomorrow Leadership Program. He has been recognized as one of Kansas City's 100 Most Influential African Americans and was named among the Outstanding Black Alumni at Marshall University. In 2019, Wright was a Dean's Distinguished Speaker for the Lewis College of Business.



Each year, Marshall SHRM recognizes Marshall University alumni for outstanding human resource management achievements and distinguished service in their profession, community, and alma mater through its awards process. Last year's inductees included Bruce Felder, director of human resources at Marshall, and Dr. Margie McInerney, professor of Management at Marshall.

The new Outstanding Young Professional Award will annually recognize outstanding Human Resource Management graduates whose achievements in the past 15 years have been significant to Marshall University, to the general welfare of their communities, and to their profession and the business world.

Following her master's degree in human resource management from Marshall University in 2014, Kourtney Hamrick began her career as an HR generalist with Georgia Pacific in Emporia, Virginia. Shortly thereafter, she relocated with her husband to Greeneville, Tennessee, to become an HR leader with Parker Hannifin's Pump and Motor Division. Hamrick recently received a promotion as HR Manager of two locations with Parker Hannifin located in Kings Mountain, North Carolina, and Youngstown, Ohio.

In her experience, Hamrick has helped drive continuous improvement through employee engagement/empowerment led and participated in global business initiatives and projects, has been a key frontline leader training facilitator for Parker Hannifin across the United States, and established key community partnerships and programs for the succession planning of her locations. In 2017, she served as Marshall SHRM's guest speaker at the annual homecoming speaker series.

Zack Stone is the vice president and human resource manager at City National Bank in Cross Lanes, West Virginia. In his role, he works as a strategic partner with all areas of the organization to develop strategies, implement positive change and promote a corporate culture that values ethics, accountability and a collaborative work environment.

Prior to working at CNB, Stone was the director of human resources at Fruth Pharmacy. He graduated from Marshall University in 2008 with a master's degree in human resource management, and in 2006 from West Liberty University with a bachelor's degree in psychology. Stone has served as a guest speaker to several business classes and to Marshall SHRM's annual homecoming speaker series in 2018.

A virtual event will be held during the fall semester to celebrate the Hall of Distinction inductees and the Outstanding Young HR Professional Award recipients.

For more information about the Marshall SHRM chapter, please contact Glen Midkiff by e-mailing [midkiff2@marshall.edu](mailto:midkiff2@marshall.edu) or calling 304-696-3431.

# MURC announces research awards for undergraduates, faculty

APRIL 28, 2021

The Marshall University Research Corporation has announced the winners of the Summer 2021 Undergraduate Creative Discovery and Research Awards and the Fall 2021 John Marshall Scholars Award program.

The 14 awardees of the Summer 2021 Undergraduate Creative Discovery and Research Awards will receive a \$4,000 stipend, and \$1,000 is provided for the participating faculty mentor. The program is open to students in the College of Science, College of Business, College of Liberal Arts, College of Arts and Media, College of Engineering and Computer Sciences, College of Health Professions and the Honors College.

Summer 2021 awardees are:

- Abdelgaber, Yousef (College of Engineering and Computer Sciences) — Intelligent Additive Fabrication of Bio-compatible Bone Scaffolds using Artificial Intelligence Models
- Assif, Layne (College of Health Professions) — The study of bone density in Felis
- Bacon, Cassie (College of Science) — Characterizing Plant Biodiversity and Fire Regimes in West Virginia Shortleaf Pine Stands
- Cartwright, Caroline (College of Science) — The study of trabecular bone density in recent modern humans
- Dolin, Payton (College of Arts and Media) – Ideas Within: Recollecting the Life of Memphis Tennessee Garrison
- Flinn, Brendin (College of Science) — Culturing of Human Cardiomyocytes Generated from Stem Cell Differentiation
- Grigore, Audrey (College of Science) — Peroxisomes and Alcohol-related Liver Disease
- Joseph, Kara (Honors College) — Determining the Effect of Bioaccumulated Manganese in Algae Used as a Food Source on Tardigrade Anhydrobiotic Processes
- Jurskis, Lilly (College of Liberal Arts) — Did Walt Whitman Co-Author ‘Rambles Among Words’?
- Lysandrou, Yiannakis (College of Science) — Synthesis of a Metal Ion Sensor Based on an Anthranaphthyridone Core
- O’Dell Hayden (College of Science) — Using Fluorescence Confocal Microscopy and Electron Paramagnetic Resonance Spectroscopy to Determine the Role of Reactive Oxygen Species in Cryptobiosis
- Shoemaker, Eric (College of Engineering and Computer Sciences) — Crowdsourcing Infrastructure Management Application (CIMA)
- Sperry, Richard (College of Arts and Media) – Two Bits



- Wall, Andrew (College of Engineering and Computer Sciences) — A Secure Data Collection and Storage Mechanism for Internet of Drones

The two awardees of the John Marshall Scholars Award program will receive a semester-long, four course reassigned time commitment. Since its inception, the John Marshall Scholars program has supported the creative discovery and research work of faculty members from the College of Science, College of Business, College of Liberal Arts, College of Arts and Media, College of Engineering and Computer Sciences and the library.

Fall 2021 Awardees Are:

- Sarah McDermott (College of Arts and Media) – Plug and Buffer
- Dr. Kat Williams (College of Liberal Arts) — “The Kid:” From Philadelphia, Japan and Back. Edith Houghton’s Life in Baseball

For more information about the research awards or upcoming proposals, visit [www.marshall.edu/murc](http://www.marshall.edu/murc).

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## Marshall approved for new gastroenterology fellowship

APRIL 28, 2021

The Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine received initial accreditation to establish a new gastroenterology fellowship program in its department of medicine.

Approval for the gastroenterology fellowship was issued April 9 by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), the national accrediting body for post-M.D. training programs in the U.S.

“Fellowship programs provide long-term benefits in terms of high-level patient care and the opportunity to retain well-trained young specialists to stay and practice in our region, addressing, in this case, a shortage of gastroenterologists in West Virginia,” said Paulette S. Wehner, M.D., vice dean of graduate medical education at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. “The gastroenterology fellowship will also strengthen our core internal medicine residency program by way of teaching, research and recruitment of strong residents.

Under the leadership of Internal Medicine Chair Mehlar El-Hamdani, M.D., the School of Medicine has recruited new gastroenterology faculty members and designated as its division chief Ahmed Sherif, M.D., a fellowship-trained gastroenterologist with 20 years of experience. Uma Sundaram, M.D., vice dean of

research and graduate education at the school of medicine and a practicing gastroenterologist, has grown the research and academics of the division with targeted research studies and clinical trials.

The gastroenterology fellowship is a three-year program with an approved complement of nine total positions, according to Wesam Frandah, M.D., who will serve as program director for the new fellowship, which will welcome its first cohort of fellows in July 2021. Applicants must first successfully complete a residency in internal medicine before beginning a gastroenterology fellowship.

“We have been working toward this fellowship for a number of years,” El-Hamdani said. “Our gastroenterology division has blossomed quickly under the leadership roles of Drs. Sherif and Frandah. This fellowship not only advances us in the realm of education and research but brings new innovations and opportunities to our patients right here at home. This growth is key to providing top-notch, evidence-based care.”

With approval of the new fellowship, the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine now offers 10 accredited residency and 13 fellowship programs.

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## Worthy named April Resident of the Month

APRIL 28, 2021



Michelle Worthy, M.D., an internal medicine-pediatrics resident, has been selected as Resident of the Month for April by the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, announced Paulette S. Wehner, M.D., vice dean of graduate medical education at the school.

“Nominations for our April awardee focused primarily on Dr. Worthy’s leadership and delivery of outstanding patient care,” Wehner said. “She has provided exceptional leadership for the various resident committees she leads. Despite Dr. Worthy’s busy

schedule, she always made time to help others in the transition of our new electronic health record. We are truly appreciative of all of her efforts during the past four years.”

Worthy is completing her fourth and final year of the combined internal medicine-pediatrics residency at Marshall. The Huntington, West Virginia, native earned her undergraduate degree from the University of Kentucky and medical degree from the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. After completing her residency training in June, Worthy will join the medicine-pediatrics faculty as an assistant professor at Marshall.

“It is an honor to have Dr. Worthy recognized as Resident of the Month,” said Elizabeth Saunders, M.D., medicine-pediatrics residency program director. “I’ve been repeatedly impressed not only by her exceptional patient-centered care but with her leadership qualities and involvement at the institutional level throughout her training. Dr. Worthy continues to exceed all expectations and serves as an excellent role model to her fellow residents and our medical students.”

As part of her recognition, Worthy received a plaque and designated parking spot.

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*Photo:* April Resident of the Month Michelle Worthy, M.D., (right) is pictured with Elizabeth Saunders, M.D., medicine-pediatrics residency program director.

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## Learn more about the John Marshall Service Award

APRIL 28, 2021



Do you know of a staff member in the Marshall University family who has gone above and beyond the call of duty to provide outstanding customer service? Who goes the extra mile to help out or strives to bring out the “We Are Marshall” spirit in others? If you do, please take the time to nominate him/her for the [John Marshall Service Award](#).


Nominators should specify one or more of the following reasons to justify their nomination:

- Outstanding and sustained performance of assigned duties.
- Significant and positive impact on the university or community (identify accomplishments).
- Distinguished attendance record.
- Excellent customer service skills with colleagues and/or students.

Any classified or non-classified employee from Marshall University, Marshall University Research Corporation, or The Marshall University Foundation Inc. may be nominated for consideration. Nominees must be non-probationary, benefits-eligible employees with at least one year of continuous employment. Nominations will be accepted upon completion of the [JMSA Nomination Form](#). Nominations can be submitted by supervisors, staff, co-workers, faculty, and students.

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# SUMMERhours

**DRINKO LIBRARY HOURS**  
**MAY 1 – AUG 13, 2021**  
Monday-Thursday: 8 a.m to 9 p.m. | Friday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
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# Registration now available for 2021 iPED Regional Virtual Teaching Conference

APRIL 21, 2021

Hosted by Marshall's Center for Teaching and Learning, the Inquiring Pedagogies (iPED) Regional Teaching Conference is a professional development opportunity for faculty, staff and administrators at all regionally accredited colleges and universities. The 2021 event will be held virtually Wednesday, May 5. Advance registration is required.

The iPED conference began in 2009 as the annual centerpiece of the university's efforts to provide high quality undergraduate and graduate instruction. In 2020, iPED became a regional conference, inviting representatives of regionally accredited colleges and universities to be both presenters and attendees.

"This conference is a professional development opportunity for faculty from Marshall and surrounding colleges and universities," said Dr. April Fugett, assistant director of the Center for Teaching and Learning at Marshall.

"The theme for 2021 is *The Great Educational Pivot: The Impact of Change & Change Agents on Teaching & Learning*. The 'what' of the conference is the over-arching theme of change, as embodied in *The Great Educational Pivot*. The 'why' of the conference is a change agent, as embodied in COVID-19 (this time). The theme invites faculty, staff and administrators from Marshall University and all regionally iPED-accredited colleges and universities to think deeply about change, change agents and their impact," Fugett said.

The iPED Regional Virtual Teaching Conference is open to all regionally accredited colleges and universities. Registration is required and closes Monday, May 3. The cost is \$25 per person and free to Marshall University faculty, staff and administrators.

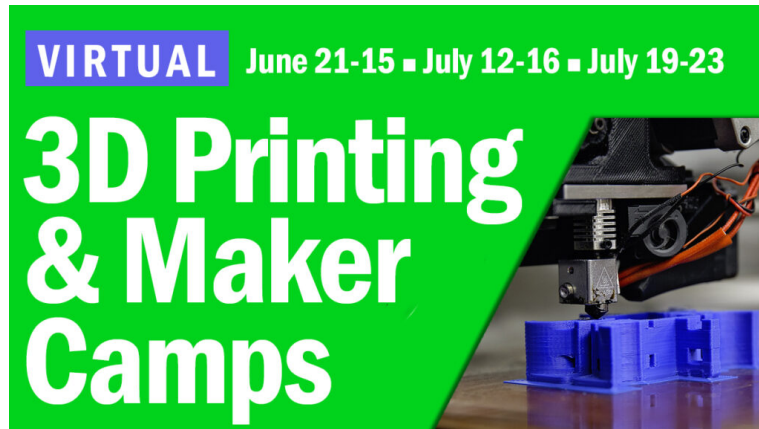
For additional information and to register to attend, visit [www.marshall.edu/ctl/iped-regional-teaching-conference](http://www.marshall.edu/ctl/iped-regional-teaching-conference). For questions about registration, please contact Fugett by e-mail at [fugett5@marshall.edu](mailto:fugett5@marshall.edu) or by phone at 304-696-5268; or Jenny Morgan by e-mail at [jennifer.morgan@marshall.edu](mailto:jennifer.morgan@marshall.edu) or by phone at 304-696-2206.

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# RCBI to present virtual hands-on 3D Printing & Maker Camps

APRIL 28, 2021



The Robert C. Byrd Institute (RCBI) at Marshall University has announced dates for its popular series of statewide 3D Printing and Maker Camps for middle and high school students.

Three virtual, weeklong “Design to Production” camps will run 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily June 21-25, July 12-16 and July 19-23. Participants will engage directly in all aspects of manufacturing — from developing their own product

ideas, through the design and testing phase of new products to prototyping, manufacturing and marketing.

Students will utilize computer-aided-design software to create and model their own unique designs that will then be 3D printed and laser cut on computer-controlled equipment at RCBI. Students’ creations will be mailed to them at the conclusion of the camps.

Because the interactive, hands-on STEM camps will be presented virtually, students ages nine to 16 from West Virginia and surrounding states may enroll in any of the three camps. The cost is \$60 for each camper. A limited number of full scholarships are available thanks to the support of Suddenlink by Altice. To apply for a scholarship, register for the camp, then fill out the scholarship application in lieu of submitting payment information.

In addition to providing scholarships, Suddenlink by Altice is joining Nuts, Bolts & Thingamajigs, the charitable foundation of the Fabricators & Manufacturers Association, International, in providing financial support for overall operations of RCBI’s camps.

“With the enthusiastic support of our generous sponsors, RCBI can engage and encourage young minds while promoting creativity and understanding of the use of technology,” said Charlotte Weber, RCBI director & CEO.

“Just as we did with the onset of the pandemic, RCBI will present virtual camps this year that are both educational and entertaining,” said Deacon Stone, director of the Center for Innovation and Maker Vault at RCBI. “A variety of hands-on activities will immerse students in the maker experience while reinforcing the STEM skills of science, technology, engineering and math.”



Because registration is limited, parents or guardians who want their students to participate should register them right away at [www.rcbi.org/2021camps](http://www.rcbi.org/2021camps). For more information, contact Stone by e-mail at [dstone@rcbi.org](mailto:dstone@rcbi.org) or by phone at 304-781-1659.

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## Coronavirus Statistics:

New Cases Since April 13, 2021

Students: 1

Faculty: 1

Staff\*: 0

*\* Includes auxiliary employees (Sodexo, Aetna, Rec Center, etc.)*

All testing is being done in partnership with Marshall Health, Cabell Huntington Hospital, Pleasant Valley Hospital, Q Labs Inc. and MedExpress Urgent Care.

The most recent information is always available at [www.marshall.edu/coronavirus/dashboard](http://www.marshall.edu/coronavirus/dashboard).



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